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Sexual Assault: Term Covers More Than Just Rape

Colleen Sergeant
Feature Editor

Sexual assault. Rape probably comes to mind when you hear this term, however, sexual assault encompasses more than a male perpetrator forcing a female victim to have sexual intercourse.

An older sibling forcing a younger sibling to look at pictures on the Internet to make them feel uncomfortable or touching someone sexually when they are not consenting all fall under the definition of sexual assault, said Suzanne Carl, education specialist at the YWCA.

Sexual assault is more common than one may think.

One in three girls and one in five boys will be sexually assaulted in some way by the time they are 18 years old. The large numbers could be attributed to the broad legal definition of sexual assault.

Carl said first degree sexual assault occurs when a person subjects another person to sexual penetration without consent of the person or when they knew or should have known that the victim was mentally or physically incapable of resisting or appraising the nature of his or her conduct. Sexual assault is also first degree when the perpetrator is 19 years old or older, and the victim is less than 16 years old. She added that the sexual activity can be vaginal, anal or oral in nature and can be achieved using a penis, digits or an object.

Second and third degree sexual assault occurs when any person subjects another person to sexual contact. Second degree sexual assault causes physical injury to the victim, and, in third degree, the victim is not inflicted with physical injuries. First and second degree sexual assault are felony crimes.

After learning the legal definitions of sexual assault, one UNO student, who asked to remain anonymous, was surprised that the actions of her current boyfriend may have comprised sexual assault when they first started dating.

"I felt very pressured. He was aggressive and kept touching me in places that I wasn't comfortable with and I told him several times to stop, but he didn't," said the student, who emphasized that she was never raped. "He told me he cared about me and everything else I wanted to hear. I guess I just became more comfortable being with him, so it seemed OK."

As is the case with this student, most victims know their perpetrator. In fact, if people are raped, more than 85 percent of the time it will be by someone they know, Carl said.

"So how do we get to know our rapists?" she asked.

"We don't necessarily think we know a rapist, I don't think most of us do, however, there is a (three-step) process they will go through to determine whether or not you are a good victim," she said.

Carl explained that the rapist will first invade your personal space and see how you respond. After invading the personal space of a female UNO student, to demonstrate a point, she said women usually do not pull away or ask the person to move, just as the student failed to do. "Most women will pass that first test," she said. "We are socialized to be relatively polite ...in social situations."

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The Gateway

Day of the Twisters



While most students were huddled into the TV room on the bottom floor of the Milo Bail Student Center or staring at the sky, UNO junior Jeffrey Leanna captured a picture of this tornado Thursday afternoon out near Yutan, Neb. The damage from this particular twister was minimal as it mainly hit open farm land. Other tornadoes raked the Heartland and caused more extensive damage around the area.

Gardner to Speak on Retention

Tony Dreibus
News Editor

John Gardner, a nationally recognized scholar in the field of retention, will be speaking at UNO Wednesday.

Gardner will be the keynote speaker at the faculty convocation at 7 a.m., he will give a speech on retention issues from 9:30-10:50 a.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center's Dodge Room, and have an open forum from 11-11:50 a.m. in the Dodge Room.

He has authored several books, including *Step by Step to College Success* (1987); *The Freshman Year Experience* (1989); *Ready for the Real World* (1994) with William Hartel and Associates; and *The Senior Year Experience* (1997) with Gretchen Van

der Veer, as well as several others.

Gardner runs a consulting firm that helps universities with retention and is executive director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina. He was recently recognized in *Change* magazine as a "past, present and future leader of American higher education."

He was sent a packet of materials about UNO's retention programs a couple of months ago, said Marilyn Leech, director of UNO's Center for Faculty Development.

UNO has about 30 programs that deal with the problems of retention, she said.

"What we're going to ask Dr. Gardner to do is read this material

before he comes," Leech said. "Then at the session at 9:30, he's going to respond to what we've done, critique it and make recommendations on how we can move to the next level."

Leech said faculty, staff and "especially students" are welcome to attend the event, since Gardner will be fielding questions about the problems of retention.

One of UNO's newest retention programs combines two courses, known as paired courses, taken concurrently, have the same students in the class and are back-to-back. These courses, generally freshman level, are designed to allow freshman to get to know not only other students, but also the professors.

"Research shows that making con-
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Student Bit Following Greek Party

Wendy Townley
Editor In Chief

The end to the week-long celebration of Greek Week, a week to recognize Greek unity at UNO, turned violent Friday night following a fight that sent one fraternity member to the hospital.

Les Anich, a UNO sophomore and member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, was reportedly bitten on the face following a fight that erupted at Castle Barrett's, 4330 Leavenworth St., an

Omaha banquet facility.

Anich told police that he was attending a party inside the hall, sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. At about midnight, he walked outside and "was jumped" by three white men whom he identified as members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the report said.

Anich talked to police at the hospital, the report noted.

Anich told officers he was knocked to the ground and punched and that one suspect bit him on the left cheek bone area.

Anich was taken to Bergan Mercy Hospital for cuts and bruises on his face. He received stitches and was released.

The police report showed the name of one suspect in the case as "Mike Akins."

Akins is a UNO senior, chief justice of the student court and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Both Anich and Akins refused to comment.

Matt Bohacek, manager of Castle

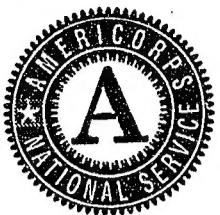
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Cravings For Chocolate Could Be An Addiction

Vineta Pritchard
Staff Writer

"How many times have we heard someone say they need a candy bar or a coke?" asked Karen Jonas, a coordinator at Alegent Health said. "As funny as it sounds, some people feel as strongly about food as they do about their loved ones."

Jonas wants everyone to be aware of the warning signs. "It's not unusual for people to use food for comfort," she said.

The symptoms of food addiction include obsession with food and body weight. Jonas said to ask yourself if you find yourself thinking about food a lot, especially when you flunk a test. The food addict loses control over the amount of food consumed and is unable to stop with just one. In her research, Jonas found that the feelings of guilt and remorse experienced after eating can actually lead to eating more.

Many students are aware of the "freshman 15" phase as they begin college. Jonas said freshmen may have the potential to pick up extra weight because "freshmen are in a new environment. Depending on their coping skills and their ability to get perspective with real life."

"I think there are more food addicts than realized," Jonas said. "We need food, but are we using it wrong? If we heard, I'm in love with alcohol, or I can't live without my marijuana, warning signs would flare that this person has a problem. But when people say I got to have chocolate, we don't react."

People today are eating a significant amount of refined carbohydrates, sugar and white flour, Jonas said. But research suggests that our bodies were not designed to ingest these substances in such large quantities.

It may be hard to steer clear of food addictions when many social events in American society are associated with food.

Weddings, graduations, funerals, showers and birthday parties are usually associated with rich foods, cakes and cookies, primarily made out of white flour.

"It starts at an early age, when babies cry one of our first reactions is to feed them," Jonas said.

For those concerned that they may be addicted to food, Jonas suggests to do some research. She said help is available for individuals with a food addiction. There are many community resources available, even on the Internet.

Chemical Explosion Injures 6 At San Jose State University

College Press Exchange

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Six people were injured after a chemical explosion hit a laboratory at San Jose State University.

The April 7 blast happened shortly after 11 a.m. when two or three students conducting a chemical experiment poured nitric acid into a beaker containing ethanol residue.

Six people, including the class' instructor, were exposed to chemicals and flying glass. Five were taken to the hospital for minor cuts and chemical exposure. The instructor was treated at the scene.

Fire officials who responded to the scene said damage was contained to the classroom and that no environmental problems were anticipated.

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UNMC To Sponsor "Mini-Medical School"

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You don't have to be a straight A under-grad to get into what Harold M. Maurer, M.D. and UNMC chancellor refers to as, "Mini-Medical School."

Starting April 21 and running until May 12, every Wednesday night, participants will have an opportunity to learn about UNMC's current and future role in cancer research and treatment from the professionals.

"Mini-Medical School is and chance to show why research is important, how it is being done and hear from our physicians and scientists who are making a difference in the fight against cancer," Maurer said.

Presenters will discuss discoveries by UNMC researchers that provide the latest knowledge about cancer and how to prevent it.

"A lot of people don't realize that UNMC is a major force nation wide for cancer research," said Tom O'Connor, senior associate director for public affairs at UNMC.

"This is an opportunity to showcase some of the best people in this area," O'Connor said.

The series of presentations will be held in the UNMC College of Nursing's Cooper Auditorium at 42nd Street and Dewey Avenue in Omaha every Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m.

The series is free to the public, including free parking and class guides.

To register call 559-4353 or through the Internet at: www.unmc.edu/pao/

Seating is limited and registration is required.

Soap Opera Writer Hopes For Success

Vincta Pritchard
Staff Writer

Allen Berglund, UNO junior and video photographer for KPTM Fox 42, may have had the opportunity of a lifetime.

He shot the pilot episode for "In Our Lifetime," a local soap opera written by Omaha Native Tari Robinson.

Robinson is no stranger to script writing.

In 1991 she attended a minority writers program given by 20th Century Fox. There she assisted other writers on a short-lived program, "True Colors," but she made long term contacts, along with valuable script writing lessons.

Her involvement with 20th Century Fox enabled her to write her first script for "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." That's when, according to Robinson, "the ball got rolling." Writing that one episode opened up doors for her and now she is in the process of editing, "In Our Lifetime," which Robinson solely wrote.

She says it's "a cross between 'Beverly Hills 90210' and 'The Young and the Restless.'"

Berglund said the show "seemed pretty good." The show deals with teen-oriented problems such as drugs and social issues.

"The show may be too risqué for Nickelodeon. The cast is diverse," Robinson said.

There are 11 main characters, but extras will be needed for teacher, parents, coaches and younger siblings.

Pauli Connor, a sophomore at Central High School, plays social misfit Lu Dawn Frederick.

"It's a far stretch, I'm really happy and loud," Connor said.

Connor's parents are excited for her because they know acting is what she wants to do. After one play at the Rose Theater, Connor soon beat out 400 "wanna be's" for the part. If Connor had to compare the show to something, she'd choose "Dawson's Creek," however, "In Our Lifetime" is not a drama.

"At the time of writing the scripts there was nothing available dealing with the issues I wanted to address in this continuum series," Robinson said.

Now that filming of the pilot is finished, Robinson is heading to Los Angeles, Calif. to meet producer Dick Clark along with a producer that worked on "Saved by the Bell."

For Robinson, it's not if the show gets picked up by a distributor but when "a lot of people will get hooked." When the show is picked up by a distributor the actors are automatically cast in the role they have been playing. If the

"Mini-Medical School" Topics

Wednesday, April 21

- The Future of Cancer Research and Treatment
- New Developments in Cancer Treatment
- What is Cancer and How Do You Get It

Wednesday, April 28

- The Critical Role of Laboratory Research
- Transplanting Research Into New Therapies
- New Cancer Drugs

Wednesday, May 5

- Overview of Genetics in Cancer and Developing New Treatments
- Radiological Innovations in Cancer
- How to Reduce Your Risk of Cancer

Wednesday, May 12

Participants will be able to choose from one of the three sessions:

- Risk and Screenings for Colon Cancer
Diagnosing and Treating Lymphoma
- All About Women and Cancer:
Cancer Prevention
Cancer Predisposition and Gene Testing
The Benefits of Participation in Clinical Trials
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MARY SCHAFFART Chancellor's Outstanding Leadership Award Recipient

Mary's accomplishments have been: President and Treasurer of UNO's chapter of Alpha Eta Rho, the International Aviation Fraternity, as well as an Aviation Institute Ambassador. She has also been active in Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key National Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta and has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. She attended the World Aerospace Education Organization in Perth, Australia last year as a Student Delegate and volunteers with the Boy Scouts and the American Red Cross.

Finalists



Angela O'Connor



Ben Titus

Mary will be honored at the Student Honors Convocation on April 11th and will be recognized at the Leadership Reception on April 14 along with Ben, Angela and other student leaders.

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Insight Like Sunlight



It's all part of some game for God I think—life that is.

When you take notice of the world today and start to think, strange ideas can pop in your head.

Why are humans progressively getting stronger, bigger, faster and smarter? Is it so we can prepare for interplanetary conquest or so we prepare for battle on earth once God gives the okay to His other creatures floating around this vast universe?

Maybe it's evolution at its finest.

The strong survive, grow and multiply, and we humans are kings of the planet. Too bad we won't know until we reach that final destination in the unforeseeable future.

People fascinate me

I don't understand why we are the way we are. That's what makes me bring God into this article. I'm not a very religious person, I haven't prayed to God since I found out I had cancer when I was 16. A bone marrow transplant and over four and a half years later I still find it hard to look to a higher power for comfort.

Too many question too few answers.

That's why you must always keep searching.

Category-wise I'm more of an agnostic

than anything else; waiting to believe, but never having enough faith to fulfill such wishes.

That's what it's all about— putting together your individual perceptions of life and then putting out those ideas into thought and relating your ideas to everyone else. Just look around to see what I'm talking about.

Watch the same person retell the same story to each and every individual who they greet that particular evening. Then question why it's important to them that they get their story out to everyone. Is it human nature or divine plan, fate or free will, or maybe a combination?

As much as people like to think as life as concrete with a solid base, when you really glance down, it's like looking out a glass airplane 40,000 feet above the ground. If you look straight ahead, there's nothing to be afraid of.

But when you look with an open eye, you see new and unopened horizons.

Where to turn in such calamity? God, parents, relatives, psychologist, music, beer, sex, TV, books, magazines and thousands of other outlets of human thoughts, imaginations and inventions. Those thoughts, those ideas that keep us watching for part II of our favorite show on TV, are what make me learn towards belief in a God. No other animals that I know of have the ability to think and improve their disposition in life outside of their natural instincts to live.

How did we get this ability?

Your theory is just a good as mine.



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Capel Cottage Revue: AM on the Way Back



At night, when the wind was right, we would pick up KMOX in St. Louis or WBBM from Chicago for football and hockey. It was all on AM radio.

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And people listen.

Want high school football, basketball, wrestling or volleyball? Only on AM. Want to call in and ask a political leader why your taxes are so high? Only on AM. Want more news, sports, and weather? only on AM.

It's no secret that I am a huge sports fan, and it is with great joy and anticipation that I know I will be able to click on my AM this summer to catch the Detroit Tigers on WJR, or the Twins on 3WI, the Colorado Rockies on KOA or the Milwaukee Brew Crew on WDSM.

There is a lot more to your entertainment life than background music. Give AM a try sometime. I think you will find it never really did go out of style.

Letters To The Editor



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Japanese Student has Mixed Feelings About U.S.

Vineta Pritchard
Staff Writer

With dreams of becoming a television producer in Japan, Masa Nishina chose to attend UNO over four years ago to further her education because it was the cheapest option.

Nishina, like her fellow Japanese classmates, began studying English in seventh grade, a requirement in Japan.

"I learned more English in Omaha, after being here one year, than I had in years of studying English in Japan," she said.

She credits this to speaking to Americans instead of studying grammar and sentence structure.

Nishina has had her fair share of studying.

"In Japan, we study very hard for three years to be accepted into college. It is very hard to be accepted into college," Nishina said. "Once we get into college in Japan, we can quit studying. We might have two tests a year."

It may be more difficult for Nishina to achieve her dreams by studying in the US because she said her degree from UNO may not mean as much as a degree from Japan.

It just depends on where she works, she said.

Four years of studying should not be taken lightly in her opinion, but Nishina knows one thing for sure, she doesn't want to become a housewife. "Usually in Japan if you are not educated you are to be a housewife, sometimes even if you are educated,"

she said.

Whether she plans to take her degree and put it to work in Japan or the US, she does not want to live in Omaha after graduation in May.

"It's too cold," she said.

In Japan she may have experienced an inch of snow every winter but nothing like this. "I don't like to drive in the snow," she said.

Also, she wants to live in a larger market for her career.

Nishina said her relationship with her parents has strengthened since coming to America.

"I realize how nice they are," said Nishina, who misses her family, and only sees them once a year.

Nishina said she was shocked at how

nice everyone in Omaha has been to her. So it came as a surprise when "a lady," Masa quickly corrects herself, "a trashy woman," told me to go back to my country.

"Compared to Japan, America's value system is different," Nishina said.

Also, America's dating system is to loose and she feels that America is stuck on, "We're number one."

Nishina has interned at a radio station and is working in the HPER building now. She feels lucky to be "free-minded" as a woman in Omaha.

"(In Japan), I feel that I have to act a certain way or wear certain clothes."

But here, even with the occasional discomforts of being immersed in foreign territory, she feels like a stronger person.

Woodstock '99 Will Jam in July

College Press Exchange

Bet on rain in Rome, N.Y., the weekend of July 23-25 - because that's when Woodstock '99 will bring a quarter-million people to the former Griffiss Air Force Base to see artists from Aerosmith to Rusted Root, Willie Nelson to Metallica and Sheryl Crow to Rage Against the Machine.

About three dozen artists will play on two stages in all-day shows Friday through Sunday, with jam sessions from 1 or 2 a.m. till dawn.

This mirrors the 1969 and 1994 Woodstock festivals, which became legends despite heavy rain and gate-crashing.

John Scher, co-producer of this year's show and the '94 show, says "we're confident" that gate-crashing will be eliminated this time - in part because a 12-foot "art wall" will go up around the 250-acre site of

the festival.

The site also will have an art village, film festival, food courts, beer gardens, ecology displays, video walls and other features. The event will be filmed and taped, with pay-per-view likely.

Tickets for package trips go on sale April 18, at Ticketmaster, and individual tickets go on sale April 25. Three-day admission plus camping is \$150, plus a \$5 parking fee.

Michael Lang, co-creator of Woodstock in '69, says only 250,000 tickets will be sold.

Other scheduled artists include Bush, Chemical Brothers, George Clinton, Collective Soul, Counting Crows, Creed, DMX, Everlast, Fatboy Slim, Foo Fighters, Guster, Ice Cube, Jewel, Korn, Limp Bizkit, Live, Los Lobos, Moe, Alanis Morissette, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sugar Ray, Brian Setzer, Offspring and Tragically Hip.

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nections with faculty and making connections with other students...helps retention," Leech said. "This is designed to help students make more significant connections with other students because the same students are moving from once course to the next."

Only two or three courses are taught this way, Leech said, but hopefully more will be put into effect soon.

The Center for Faculty Development develops new methods of teaching said Leech.

"We assist in developing good techniques in the classroom that relate to retention, including active learning, collaborative learning and we do workshops for faculty," Leech said.

"The traditional model in higher education is for the faculty member to lecture," she said. "But during lecture, students don't really get an opportunity to do problem solving."

According to university figures, retention has grown at UNO from 52.5 percent in 1993, to 67 percent in 1997.

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Your Weekly Horoscope

College Press Exchange

Aries (March 21-April 19) Monday and Tuesday, watch out for emotional outbursts, especially your own. On Wednesday and Thursday, be careful of your temper. You'll have a hair trigger then. Friday and Saturday are your best days for anything pertaining to money, and Sunday will be excellent for writing a love letter.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Make a commitment to a friend on Monday, even if a change is required. On Tuesday, you'll be more analytical, especially about love. Wednesday and Thursday, you've got a tailwind pushing you to move faster, but on Friday and Saturday, you can go at your own leisurely pace. Sunday is best for buying romantic gifts.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Sensitivity is required in dealing with an older person Monday and Tuesday. You could pretty much say whatever you want Wednesday and Thursday. Your friends won't care. Keep a friend's secret on Friday and Saturday, even if it's tough to do. Your love helps cause a miracle on Sunday.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Trust your intuition Monday and Tuesday, even if there's a pop quiz. Hitch your wagon to a star on Wednesday and Thursday. By Friday and Saturday, you should be able to rest. Contact a secret love on Sunday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Study finances on Monday and Tuesday so you can make a decision later in the week. Wednesday and Thursday are your best for sports activities. Invest in your own success on Friday, and buy a few things to help you achieve it on Saturday. On Sunday, you and a good-looking friend win the argument.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your partner is on to something Monday and Tuesday, so listen carefully. You can access a lot of money Wednesday and Thursday if you're willing to pay the interest. Travel looks good on Friday and Saturday, especially if you're going shopping. Sunday is great for helping an older loved one make changes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Monday and Tuesday are busy workdays. Try not to

get rattled. Wednesday and Thursday, be tolerant with a person who has strong opinions. Friday and Saturday are good for shopping, especially for structural items. Sunday is your best day this week for travel and romantic conversation.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Talk about love on Monday and Tuesday, and get an old problem resolved. Make sure your safety nets are in place Wednesday and Thursday, especially in a working environment. Friday and Saturday, your partner will let you know the corrections you need to make. Sunday is great for finding handy trinkets for your home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll fuss over the folks back home on Monday and Tuesday. It's been long enough since you called. Wednesday and Thursday are excellent for falling passionately in love. Friday and Saturday, get back to work. Playing with a partner is favored on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can probably find what you need nearby on Monday and Tuesday. Make changes at home on Wednesday and Thursday, and

make romantic plans for the future Friday and Saturday. Paperwork dominates Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Call in old debts on Monday and Tuesday. They'll be easier to collect. Study intently on Wednesday and Thursday. You're at your smartest then. Settle in on Friday and Saturday. Conditions favor permanence. On Sunday you might fall in love, intellectually, anyway. Your best date is a person who can teach you something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Your self-esteem is growing on Monday and Tuesday, possibly through a change in your career status. Or maybe the former causes the latter. On Wednesday and Thursday, you gain the rewards from work previously done. Watch for new opportunities then, too. Put structures into place on Friday and Saturday to make your work go more easily. Hide out with a loved one at home on Sunday.

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FILMING: UNO Student Shoots Local Soap Opera

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distributor wants to recast with a popular star, the current cast member will get a hefty buy out, said Robinson but Connor said. "I don't care about the money, it's the experience."

Robinson's experiences have lead her and Omaha down new paths.

"I had no idea I'd ever take it to this level, but I have my finger on the pulse of young America. 'In Our Lifetime' will be a big money maker," Robinson said.

In the world of screenwriting, being a minority may be hard but Robinson said that "any barriers will be broken." Robinson feels that making a show about her own experiences may have been a setback. Even though she hasn't been in every situation, she can relate through friends or their children.

By September Robinson is hoping the show will have been picked up, so 'In Our Lifetime' can make the fall season.

While Robinson isn't limiting herself to only writing, she says for the first year she will do most of the writing.

Robinson is marketing the show and looking for a distributor who will pay top dollar, and give creative control to the writers. Robinson feels it's in the best interest of the show to keep "In Our Lifetime" in Omaha instead of moving to California. Omaha is an untapped market and Robinson feels proud to offer Omahans this opportunity to work on the show locally.

In the meantime Berglund is waiting on the party Robinson promised to those who helped film the production. "I think the idea (of the soap opera) will be bought," he said.

Scholarship Remains Unclaimed

College Press Exchange

SANFORD, Fla. - What if a school tried to give away a scholarship, but nobody wanted it?

That's apparently what has happened to Seminole Community College. SCC wanted to award a full two-year scholarship to the lucky baby born closest to last year's groundbreaking for the school's new Oviedo campus. More than four months after the Dec. 4 groundbreaking ceremony, the college still doesn't have a scholarship recipient.

SCC spokesman Robert Lyles said the college worked with area hospitals, the Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce and the media to publicize the scholarship.

The hospitals notified parents whose newborns were eligible, but none of the parents ever came forward to claim the scholarship, said Pam Weber, executive director for the Seminole Community College Foundation.

Perhaps the timing was a bit off, Lyles and Weber said. The scholarship was announced during the holidays, Lyles said. Weber suggested that new parents may have

been too busy with their new bundles of joy to think of anything else.

"Maybe they're not thinking, 'Hey, a scholarship,'" Weber said. "That's a long way away."

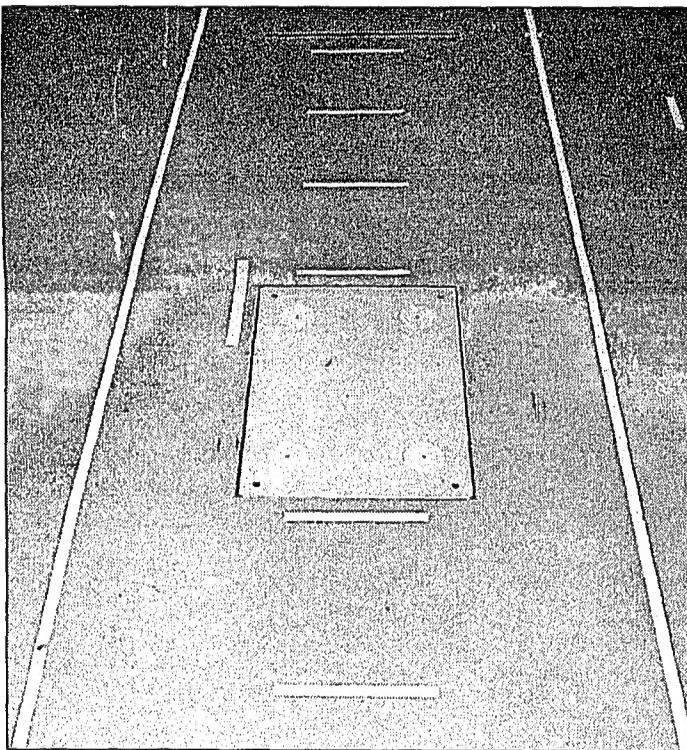
Weber said SCC still wants to give away the scholarship to tie in with the Oviedo campus.

Parents in the Oviedo and Winter Springs areas are eligible to qualify for the SCC Baby Nest Egg Scholarship. Residents must live in one of the following ZIP codes: 32765, 32766, 32732, 32708 or 32762. The scholarship will be provided by Helen Von Doterien-Fournier and the SCC Foundation.

The \$20 million campus, scheduled to open next year, is to be built at Old Lockwood Road and Lockwood Boulevard just outside Oviedo. Construction was to have started in February, Lyles said, but it is now scheduled to begin this week.

SCC serves about 30,000 full- and part-time students at its main campus in Sanford and a smaller center in the Wekiva area. Nearly 1,000 students will be able to take classes at Oviedo when construction of the 100,000-square-foot campus is finished.

Get to Know Your Campus



SH Steve Houlton

What exactly is this? Where is it at? Is it even on campus? All your questions will be answered Friday. Grab a *Gateway*!

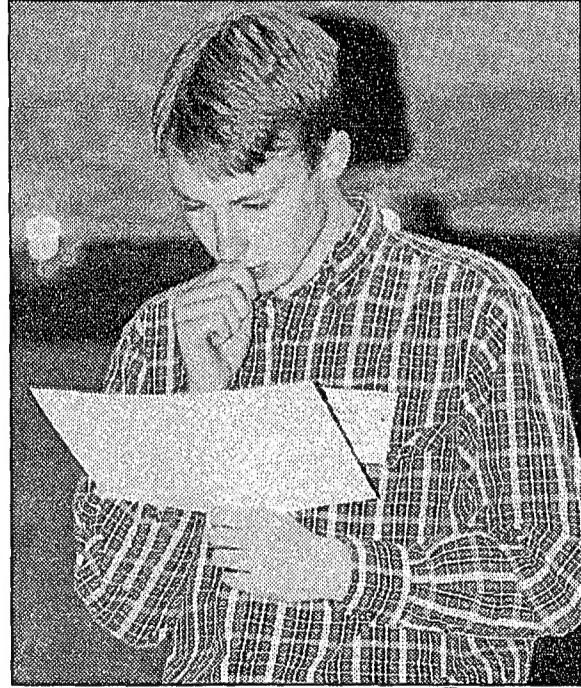
"Cool, Calm and Collected"

Frank Carnaby, an eighth-grader at Russell Middle School in Millard, contemplates the second to last answer during Friday's state Geography Bee.

He successfully answered "Greece," to the question, "Which southern European nation was not allowed to convert its currency to the Euro because it failed to meet the minimum economic standards?"

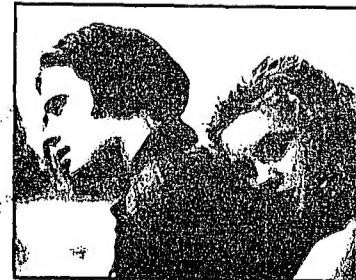
For his correct answers, Carnaby was awarded the state title, a \$100 check and advanced to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

The event was sponsored by National Geographic Society and moderated by Dr. Charles Gildersleeve of the UNO geography department.



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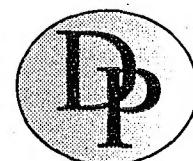
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SEXUAL ASSAULT: Not Absent From Age, Gender

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tions."

Desensitization is the second process, during which the rapist will back off to try to increase your comfort level before touching you again. They want you to become accustomed to their presence in your personal space, so that you may forget that you ever felt uncomfortable.

The third step is isolation, meaning the rapist needs to get you alone.

Most victims of sexual assault are between the ages of 18-29.

Carl gives this statistic with the following caution: The notion about sexual assault being about out-of-control sexual desires is a myth. "It's about force, power and control," Carl said. "It is about wanting to hurt

another person in order to make yourself feel better."

To support this, she said that the youngest victim seen at the YWCA was a baby and the oldest was a 90-year-old woman. She also mentioned perpetrators as young as an 8-year-old girl and as old as an 89-year-old man.

Sexual assault is not absent from any age group or gender. Nor is it absent from families, but in any case, rape is not a complete picture of sexual assault, Carl said.

Carl will elaborate on this topic tomorrow from 7-8 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center's Dodge Room. The event is sponsored by UNO's Panhellenic Council.

GREEK: Friday Party Results In Stitches, Bruises

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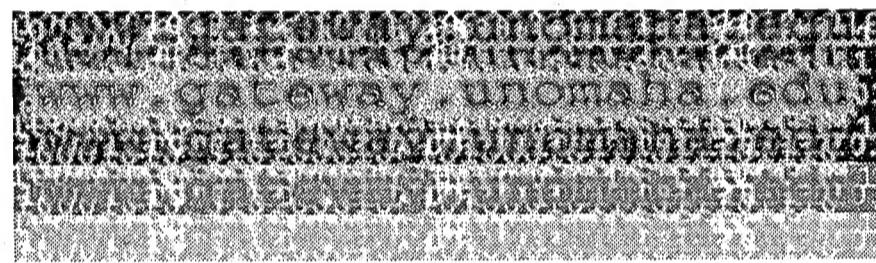
Barrett's, said Saturday the rowdy crowd of about 200 members of UNO's fraternities and sororities caused the party to end prematurely at 12 a.m.

"(The) students were going to their cars after we closed down, and a fight broke out in the OPPD parking lot," Bohacek said.

"but I did not witness the fight."

Rob Vinson, a member of Theta Chi fraternity at UNO, was at the party Friday night.

"I can't believe it (the fight) happened," Vinson said Sunday. "It's ridiculous. This is burning a lot of bridges for us (Greeks)."



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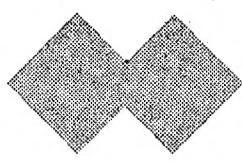
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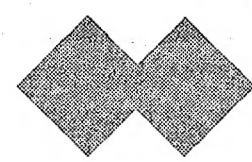
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Sports



Maverick Softball Strong At 29-7

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

It had won 11 games in a row. It had not lost since March 28 and that was a one-run game.

It is the Maverick softball team that has been tearing up their opponents and allowing just eight runs in those 11 games, a streak that came to an end Sunday afternoon with a 3-1 loss to North Dakota State in the UNO/Godfathers' Tournament.

The Mavericks stood at 28-6 on the season following sweeps of South Dakota State, Northern Colorado and the first three games of the tournament.

South Dakota State proved to be no contest for the Mavericks as they won both games 8-0, shortened to 4 1/2 innings on the eight-run rule. The Mavericks banged out 21 hits and the pitching duo of Michelle Manthei and Tara Buzzell each picked up a win over a North Central Conference foe.

Buzzell won the first game by allowing just two hits and raised her record to 9-2. Buzzell also contributed at the plate with a grand slam in the second inning of the first game, the first of her two homers on the game.

Manthei was able to silence the Jackrabbit bats as she held South Dakota State to three hits in the second game. Valencia Moody led the way by going three-for-three from the plate with three runs batted in.

Friday's twinbill against Northern Colorado ended with similar results.

In the first game, Northern Colorado drew first blood by pushing a run across in



the third inning and held that 1-0 lead until the bottom of the fourth.

That was when Moody took matters into her own hands and cranked a two-run homer to give the Mavericks a 2-1 lead. They added two more runs in the fifth and closed the game out with a four-run sixth inning.

Game two saw Moody again take com-

mand for the Mavericks when she knocked a three-run double in the fourth inning to break open a 1-0 Maverick lead. In total, the Mavericks would pick up five runs in the fourth to pull ahead 6-0. They added four runs over the next two innings to put this game in the blowout file.

The Mavericks could have been tired

considering they had played four games in two days.

Emporia State could tell you that the Mavericks were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed as the Mavericks beat them 3-0 at 11 a.m. Saturday in the first game of the tournament. The win marked the third shutout in the last five games for the Mavericks and was win no. 9 in their 11-game tear.

Minnesota-Duluth became victim No. 10 when the Mavericks exploded for 19 runs in a 19-1 rout. The 19 runs marks the biggest offensive outburst for the Mavericks this season. Their previous high was 14 against Binghamton in mid-March.

The last game in the streak proved to be the most difficult one as the Mavericks faced No. 23 Washburn University. The two teams were deadlocked at 1-1 after seven innings and brought the Mavericks into their first extra-inning situation of the season.

The Mavericks froze Washburn in the eighth before pushing across a run of their own to escape with a 2-1 win.

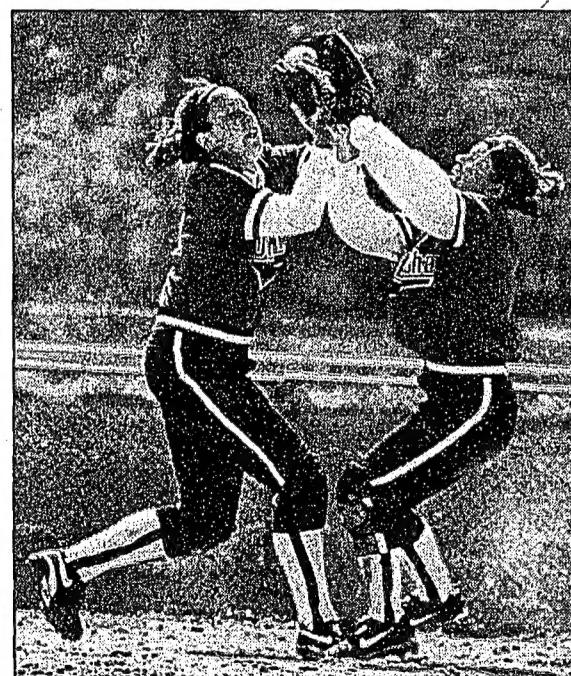
The Mavericks will need more performances like those in the 11-game streak if they want to continue it as tough competition awaits them.

The Mavericks will battle perennial power Augustana in Sioux Falls, S.D. today at 4 p.m. in a North Central Conference doubleheader.

Tomorrow, the Mavericks return home and have the No. 3 team in the country, Nebraska-Kearney waiting for them. The Mavericks lost 5-4 to Kearney on Mar. 28 on a two-out, full-count home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Above left: UNO third baseman Kelly Davis fields a groundball during a game in the UNO/Godfathers' Tournament. Far left: UNO's Jenny Redlinger tries to stretch for a hit but is thrown out at first. Left: Shortstop Valencia Moody (left) and second baseman Jill Peterson (right) collide while going for a fly ball during a game at the UNO/Godfathers' Tournament.

Photos by
Chris Machian



Forget Tony Danza, 'Ras' is the Boss

Jim Sheil
Staff Writer

Make no mistake about it. UNO senior Brent Rasmussen is in charge on and off the diamond.

For the second year in a row, the Ralston (Neb.) High School graduate is near the top in the major offensive categories. Defensively, Rasmussen is the ace of the pitching staff, although his record may not

indicate it. When push comes to shove against the stiffest competition, "Ras," his nickname, gets the ball.

In the clubhouse, Rasmussen is the first two-year captain in coach Bob Gates' 29 years of coaching. He isn't shy about his leadership responsibilities.

While Rasmussen's statistics can speak volumes about his abilities as a baseball player, the senior feels his most important contribution is being a good captain.

Coaches can only do so much for a team and that's where captains fit in, Rasmussen said.

"Captains have to keep the team motivated because, at times, the season can drag a bit," Rasmussen said. "Also, captains can't hesitate to get a teammate back in line."

"Ras" isn't afraid to get in someone's face," said teammate Pete Englund about his captain.

Most importantly, Rasmussen keeps the

team focused along with senior co-captain Brad Prokupek.

"Brent is really good about keeping the guys up and focused," Gates said. "And he's the best captain I've ever had."

At the plate Rasmussen carries the biggest stick on the team as he leads the team in home runs. This season he is second on the team in runs batted in and batting average. Beginning with his freshman year,

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UNO Splits Two With Huskies

Jim Shieil
Staff Writer

It was the best of times and the worst of times for UNO's pitching staff in a split with St. Cloud State Huskies Wednesday afternoon.

In the opening game the Mavs matched their season low of runs given up on the way to a 6-2 win behind UNO ace Brent Rasmussen. In the second game the Mav pitchers were beaten like a rented goalie on the way to losing 28-11.

The Mavs (8-14, 2-2 in the North Central Conference) managed only five hits in the first game. The majority of the damage was done with a four-run third inning to take the lead for good, highlighted by a solo home run by Matt Haynes. Brad Prokupek had two RBI's and Haynes had two hits.

Rasmussen (2-3) went the distance allowing only three hits, no earned runs and striking out seven. "I relied on my fastball on the inner half of the plate and kept them off-balance with my slider away," Rasmussen said.

In the second game UNO built a 9-4 lead on the strength of a two-run homer by John Shoemaker and a three-run bomb by Pete Englund heading into the fourth inning.

St. Cloud (9-9, 2-2 in the NCC) erupted for 17 runs in the fourth and went through four UNO hurlers. The Huskies chased UNO starter Ben Miller after he failed to retire any of the four batters he faced and was relieved by Brian Longtin. Longtin lasted 1/3 of an inning (0-3) was tagged with the loss after surrendering five earned runs. UNO also used Ryan Temple, who allowed seven runs while facing just seven batters and failing to record an out, and Joe McPherson to eventually get out of the inning behind 21-9.

Both teams scored in the fifth with the Huskies adding a touchdown and UNO plated two to make the final 28-11. St. Cloud State stranded just four runners in the blowout.

UNO continues conference play with doubleheaders at Augustana on Sunday and at South Dakota State on Monday. Today the Mavs travel to Lincoln to face the University of Nebraska at Lincoln at 1:30 and the University of Nebraska at Kearney immediately following. Sources within the team say sophomore John Cappellano will likely take a red shirt year with rotator cuff problems. Shoemaker has risen to the top of the charts hitting .400 followed by Rasmussen at .395 and Englund at .380.

Ames, Iowa, will provide the Mavericks with rebounding inside. Kara Paul, a 6-foot forward from Red Oak, Iowa, will be joining the Maverick frontcourt next season.

The Mavericks also have a pair of new guards in 5-foot, 8-inch Sara Peterson from Rochester, Minn. and 5-foot, 6-inch Andrea Sutherland from Columbia, Mo.

Lehman Scores Three Recruits

The mens' basketball team has added four recruits of its own last week to accompany the 11 returning lettermen on the team.

Jared Anderson, a 6-foot, 5-inch forward from Omaha, Neb. is one of the new Mavericks. Dan Morrow, a 6-foot guard from Louisville, Neb., averaged about 24 points and 12 rebounds per game last season and named to the class C-2 All-State team. Seth Nelson will be coming to the Mavericks from Farmington, Ill. where the 6-foot guard averaged 22 points per game and add depth to the Maverick backcourt.

Sport Shorts

Samland's Signing

Maverick swimming and diving head coach Todd Samland announced that Breann Haney will join the Mavericks for the upcoming season. Haney, a senior from Mesa, Ariz., helped to lead her high school to the Arizona state championships this season and will be used in distance, individual medley and backstroke events. Samland is also looking to sign at least one more swimmer within the next two weeks.

Buscher's Basketball Bunch

The Maverick women's basketball team has grown with four new players who will start play in the 1999-2000 season. Tanya Hammes, a 6-foot-2-inch center from

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RAS: Senior is Second Year Captain

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Rasmussen has been a staple in coach Gates offense.

Rasmussen created a splash in 1996 by hitting .341 and handling a majority of the catching duties. The following season he avoided the sophomore jinx by turning in a .313 average and assuming the role of short reliever. During his junior season Rasmussen really left his mark.

The latest in the long line of quality hitters out Ralston, he led the team in the "triple crown" statistics of batting average, home runs and runs batted in. Most impressively Rasmussen hit .405, the highest average at UNO since 1986. In addition, Rasmussen had six jacks and 36 RBI's to lead the Mavs.

This season Rasmussen has emerged as "the man" in coach Gates pitching rotation as his number has been called every time UNO has faced Division-I competition.

In a season opening loss to Creighton, Rasmussen saw action on the mound. Against Air Force, "Ras" recorded UNO's only win versus D-I competition by holding the Falcons to three runs through eight innings.

Facing the nationally rated University of Nebraska at Lincoln Cornhuskers, Rasmussen held the Huskers scoreless until the fourth and allowed only five earned runs through five innings.

Captain Rasmussen stepped up his level

of play for a conference opening split of four games with St. Cloud State.

In a season marked by a team-wide lack of clutch hitting "Ras" stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the seventh down 2-0 with the bases loaded, and laced a line drive scoring UNO's first run. Jason Herzog followed with a hit to give the Mavs the win.

In the next game Rasmussen went the distance giving up only two runs against the big hitting Huskies and giving the Mavs another conference win. Incidentally, St. Cloud State plated 28 runs in the nightcap of that doubleheader.

Rasmussen came to UNO after being all state as the utility player at Ralston. He showed leadership traits as he pitched on back-to-back days in leading the Rams to the state championship which culminated with a victory over Creighton Prep.

Gates described his captain as being a little bit of everything.

"Brent is a good athlete, good student and a good person," Gates said.

Rasmussen is majoring in constructional engineering and has taken many business credits. He intends to work in management on construction sites after graduation.

On the diamond you can't help but notice the tall right hander, but off the diamond, "Ras" is just one of the guys. The senior said he enjoys water skiing with his friends and hanging out with his girlfriend.

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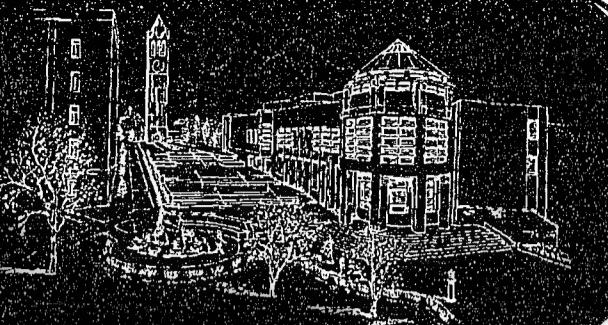
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3:30 pm Criminal Justice
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7 pm Greek Week
7 pm Faculty Women

7:30 am Faculty Convocation
8 am Counseling
9 am Rotenfom/John Gardner
11 am Chapter Summary
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11:30 am Faculty Development
11:30 am Issues & Ideas
11:30 am Honors Symposium
12 noon African American Organization
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1:30 pm Faculty Development
2 pm Faculty Senate
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7 pm Panhellenic
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8 am UNO Ambassador Interviews
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Fri., April 16th

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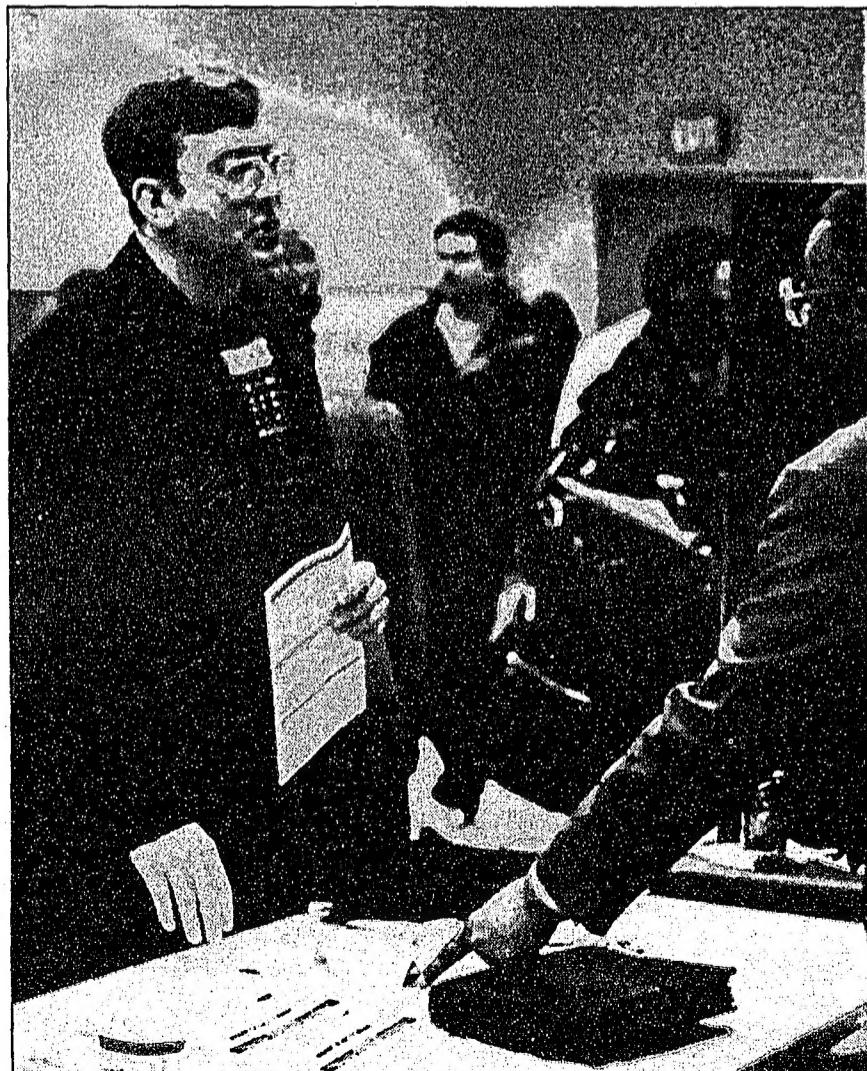
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Attitude Key to Job Enjoyment

Christina Kadlec
Staff Writer

The biggest anxiety of most college students may be the fear that, with degree in hand, they're off to the grindstone where it's work all day, everyday.

How do graduates avoid the doldrums of the routine work often assigned to newcomers?

Bryan Crider of Sky Financial provided answers based on his 11 years in the banking and finance industry. The key to enjoying your job, regardless of what job you're in, he said, is bringing a positive attitude to it.

Banking and finance were not his first pick of careers. If it had been up to him, Crider would have been an engineer, architect or, on the lower end of the pay scale, a high school history teacher.

The bank he worked at would only pay for business classes. He pursued the field after college because he knew he was good at it, and it paid the bills. "I didn't choose this career. It chose me," he admitted.

But rather than hang his head and grudgingly drag his feet to work each morning, Crider discovered that he could actually make going to work something he looked forward to.

"I found a job somewhere that was completely different," he said. "It was the same job, the same routine, but different. People wanted to come to work."

Crider internalized this idea and took it to his next job where he was responsible for taking banks that were not making money and turning them into successful branches. In most places, he was able to do this in a matter of months. "I took away the negative aspects of the job. Most people don't think of work as fun. Work isn't like a Saturday night. Well, why couldn't it be?"

The first rule he established at a branch was that no one in upper level management was allowed to call his staff. "These are people who have managers on all levels calling them to say they've got to bring up their numbers. They

began to take the attitude failures because they were failing."

That led to Crider's second approach: to make everything a game. He would make daily and monthly contests, focusing on the positive aspects of making quotas. "Whoever can do (quota) today-I'll buy lunch tomorrow," was one of his bargains.

"They were doing the work that they're supposed to do anyway," he explained. "Everyone gets a paycheck for doing their job, but for most, work is still routine and unappealing. I helped create an atmosphere where they were rewarded for doing their job well. There are still goals and minimums to reach, but I make work something people want to do and what they take pride in."

— Brian Crider, Sky Financial

The last ingredient in Crider's work enjoyment recipe was to, "act like a nut." He spoke of an echo microphone he kept in his desk. If someone was dragging, he would whip out the mic, regardless of whether or not customers were around, and address them with a reminder like, "We need loans!" Once he was through aiding that branch, he would leave the mic in a desk drawer for the manager who took over.

While you may sit back and think this individual is just an exceptionally enthusiastic person, you should know that he's given his special brand of attitude adjustment to some tough cookies. One example he was especially proud of was a co-worker named Tim. For three years, Tim endeavored to be manager of his branch, but was turned down due to poor

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Employment Pay Doesn't Always Equal Happiness

LaTrina Parker
Staff Writer

After college, graduates are faced with a tough decision. Go into a field that they love but is not high paying, or going into one that is high paying but doesn't make them happy.

Many times the jobs that people like are the ones that are not high paying, however there are some occupations that keep both the person and the wallet content.

Some jobs start off paying low figures but with time and experience eventually pay more. Computer Programmers, for instance, can start off making \$27,000 a year and eventually average \$65,000 a year.

Even though some work for highly paid businesses, many still have a love for their job that they would have even if they were paid less.

Attorney Jeffrey Colby feels that no matter how much he is paid, he wouldn't want to do anything else.

"I get a thrill from knowing that I'm helping someone get out of a bind that they would not be able to do for themselves. It makes me proud to know that I've defended innocent people and kept them from being wrongly punished," Colby said.

Six months after graduation, lawyers can make anywhere from \$30,000 to \$50,000, depending on the type of work. General attorneys in the Federal Government average around \$72,700 a year.

Depending on the state, a teacher's starting salary could be anywhere from \$25,000 to \$37,900 a year. Because of this, teachers are always put in a position where its the love of their job that keeps them going.

Carolyn James, a junior high school teacher, feels that even though teaching can be stressful it is her love for the job that keeps her going. She feels that seeing a student make improvements and progress is worthwhile.

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On-Campus Job Works Well For Graduate Assistant

Rebecca Moermond
Staff Writer

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Sinnett grew up in Papillion, Neb. where his interest in sports brought him recognition and a basketball scholarship to Midland College, where he studied biology.

He admitted that even as an undergraduate he had no desire to teach or go to grad school, but soon after he received his Bachelor's degree, he was ready for more.

"I am totally intrigued with this field," Sinnett said. "I still love learning this stuff. It always amazes me how we can move forward and progress as athletes and people in general."

Sinnett's pursuit of knowledge led him to the UNO where he received a position as a

graduate assistant in the exercise physiology department.

"I don't think students at UNO realize what an amazing department they have here," Sinnett said. "We have top of the line equipment and some of the best minds in the field."

For Sinnett, being a graduate teaching assistant, as opposed to a graduate student, was definitely the more productive route.

"You're not just going to school and then working somewhere else," Sinnett said. "Working here really allows me to learn all the time."

The close interaction with staff is something he finds fundamental in his learning process. It is this interaction that has given him a different perspective on what it means to be in school.

"You're not as intimidated by 'doctors' and 'professors' when you work with them everyday," Sinnett said.

He also feels that teaching allows him a different view of the classroom.

"There is one thing about taking notes and going to class, but teaching is completely different."

Sinnett said that teaching forces you to know the material three times more than you would ever know if you were just taking classes.

"I continue to grow

educationally and professionally as a result of working here."

However he admits that free time as a graduate assistant is at a minimum. The typical day starts sometime around 8:00 a.m. and comes to a close at about 10:00 p.m., with a few short breaks in-between. "We are busy all the time," Sinnett said. "This is a great position if you are a person who likes a challenge and hates boredom."

No matter how busy he gets, there is one break that Sinnett admits is a must—his hour-long workout everyday.

"We never miss this, it is our time and it is very important."

Now finished with his Master's thesis it is only a matter of time before "Sinnett" is followed by a few more little letters, but it won't stop there.

The future may find Sinnett out near his brother and closer to out door sports like

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"I don't think students at UNO realize what an amazing department they have here."
—Aaron Sinnett, UNO graduate student

Tips on Getting the Job

Vineta Pritchard
Staff Writer

Many UNO students are hitting the streets looking for a job as the semester winds down. No matter what the particular field of study, most will have to go to a formal interview before getting their foot in the employment door.

Dressing for an interview is just as important as a resume, according to MBA Style magazine: "Recruiters remember your visual impressions just as much as they recall bullet-points on your resume."

Sixty-five percent of what a job recruiter recalls is conveyed visually, not orally. Image consultant Charmaine McClaire Cox said suits usually show professionalism. Men can wear vibrant ties but make sure you maintain respectability and stability, Cox warns.

Being appropriately dressed helps in the many departments of acing an interview. Kelli Clayton, senior human resource consultant at Mutual of Omaha, said many students do not come to the interview dressed appropriately.

"The recruiter wants your clothes to say, 'I am produc-

tive, I know the rules, I can fit in,'" said Norman Fryman a consultant to Bidermann, a manufacturer of tailored men's clothing.

Recruiters also want the interviewee to be on time. Clayton said besides showing up late for an interview, many students aren't prepared to discuss salaries or give examples of former work-related experiences. Clayton suggests students go through internship programs or even a temporary staffing company.

"We definitely take a harder look at them if they interned at our company, or have some type of work experience," Clayton said.

You can't be afraid to get a job either. Spot interviewing can occur outside of the office too. Clayton was recently at a family gathering at a restaurant when the waitress overheard her talking about her job as a human resource consultant. The waitress lightly, but seriously, joked, "Hey, I'm looking for a job" and rattled off her qualifications. Clayton, impressed, scheduled a time to meet with the waitress, a recent UNO graduate who was waiting tables to pay her bills.

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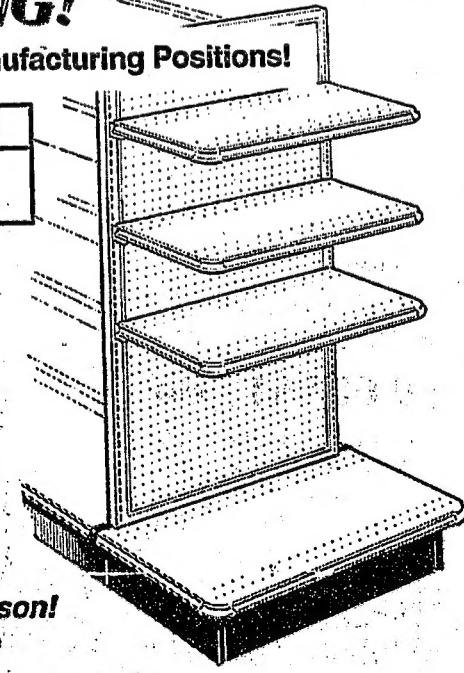
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reviews.

Despite criticism, Crider decided to keep him on staff.

"Even though he'd always failed, he still had the idea that 'it could be done'. That the branch could be turned into a profitable division." Nine months later, Tim was named Employee of the Quarter, promoted to manager and given a sizable raise.

"The simple truth is, the only difference

that I showed him is how to have fun," Crider said. "Not only was he having fun, but he was also successful. There's a pride factor."

Even on the days when a good attitude is more difficult to maintain, Crider found a couple ways to keep from bringing others down. "I never say anything while I'm angry. If I need to, I'll take my lunch hour or do what I need to do. It's not worth try-

ing to work through it. You won't be productive or successful and customers will notice."

He also made a point to train his people adequately enough so he could delegate tasks to them when needed. "I still handle any major problems, but for smaller things, there's a chance that someone else may be able to handle it better."

So if you're still stressed about what

your post-college job will be like, Crider suggests, "Any situation is going to be what you make it. You can't control people or the work situation, but you can determine how you react. It's a very simple formula—I'm amazed more people don't follow it."

Graduation Rates Continue To Drop

College Press Exchange

CHICAGO - College graduation rates continued to drop in 1998, according to a study released by ACT.

The organization, best known for its college-entrance exam, has been conducting the survey each year since 1983.

According to the study, students completing their bachelor's degrees within five years fell at four-year schools in 1998, the third consecutive year for the decline. Of students enrolled in four-year, public schools five years earlier, 42.9 percent completed their degree last year, down from 44.2 percent the year before. The study reported a smaller drop at private schools - from 56.6 percent in 1997 to 56.2 percent

last year. Both are record lows.

Two-year colleges also reported record lows for graduation. In 1998, only 34.4 percent of students finished their associate's degrees within three years. Rates at public schools have fallen each of the last seven years.

The report also takes a look at drop-out rates among first-year students. Those figures dropped for the second year in a row to 26.4 percent for students who entered college in 1997.

The study also found that drop-out rates at public, two-year institutions increased from 47.4 percent to 47.7 percent. The rates fell at private two-year schools, from 31.8 percent to 31.5 percent.

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mountain climbing, which he misses here in the mid-west. Next year he hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in physiology at the University of Utah. Wherever he ends up, he wants to stay

in the education field.

"Everyday adds a different question," Sinnett said. "I want to continue to help people improve and maintain their health."

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